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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 8, 2006. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins at page 2 of this communication.

Amendments to the Sequence Listing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.825(a), begin at page 5 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.